Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

It is wonderful to be back with the St Michael’s family for Term 4. I am very grateful for the opportunity to take extended leave and know that St Michael’s was in good hands. I thank Jo Krippner for leading our community in my absence and wish her all the best for as she embraces motherhood and her own family.

While I was away, St Michael’s was never very far from my thoughts, as I witnessed many references to St Michael the Archangel throughout parts of Europe. Two notable ones were in Budapest and on the island of Capri, where Churches dedicated to St Michael were central to the city landscape. They were quite different to each other and to our own St Michael’s Church, but they were steeped in history. The Capri church is connected to a story of St Michael as a protector, symbolised today by a small bell. We now have a small bell hanging in the front office area, to bring us all St Michael’s luck.

The legend of the little bell lucky charm of St Michael

Once there was a poor shepherd boy living in Capri. He only had a hut to share with his widow mother and a little sheep he used to lead to graze on the slopes of Mount Solaro. One evening the boy stopped to pick flowers and when he turned to call the sheep he did not see it. Anguish gripped his heart. What would become of him and his mother? At that moment he thought he heard a feeble distant sound of bells and, thinking it was the sound of the bell that his sheep had around its neck, ran in that direction… till he came to the brink of a ravine. Here a sudden light stopped the poor boy. St Michael appeared wrapped in a blaze of gold, shining on his white horse. “My boy” said the saint, taking off a little bell that hung at his neck, “take it and always follow its sound, and it will save you from danger.” The shepherd boy, trembling with excitement and joy, brought the gift to his mother wrapped in a green clover leaf. Since that day, his whole life was full of goodness and happiness and every earthly desire was fulfilled. On the site of the apparition was built a villa called San Michele. The bell has become the symbol of luck and success to take away from Capri.

STAFF

We are thrilled to announce the wonderful news that Mrs Erin Hardwicke and her husband Dave are expecting their first child early next year. We congratulate them and share in their excitement.

SCHOOL & PARISH INTERNATIONAL HARMONY FAIR - It’s time for family fun again!!!

Our annual Fair is to be held on Friday 30th October. Over last term there have been little updates and requests for you each week; but behind the scenes, our coordinating team and other helpers have been very busy and another wonderful Twilight ‘Harmony’ Fair is planned. Further details are in this newsletter, and we need a little bit of help from each family to allow all families to enjoy the evening and benefit from the event. So please watch out for the googledoc and ensure your name is there to help.

CLASS LISTS FOR 2015

At this time each year one of my tasks is to organise the children into their classes for the new year and to assign teachers to each class. The number of classes and therefore teachers, is determined by the Catholic Education Office, based on our overall numbers and the spread of children throughout the year levels. Class lists will be formed in accordance with the class allocation policy which can be found on the website at http://stmichaelsps.act.edu.au/srcfiles/Class-Allocation-Policy.pdf. As stated in the policy, Parents who wish to discuss particular educational concerns regarding the placement of their children in particular classes should put the concern in writing and address it to me by Friday of Week 4 (Friday 6th November) – an email is acceptable. Requests will be considered alongside the policy process. No late requests or requests for specific Teachers will be considered.

Thought for the Week: ‘Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success’. Anon

Yours in partnership

Judy

COMING EVENTS

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NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK

- Twilight Fair Ride Wrist Band note
- New information
- Canteen survey reminder
- Term overviews
- Catholic Voice
- Bookclub—Issue 7
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MICHAEL’S

WORLD MISSION MONTH

October is World Mission Month. This year’s theme is ‘I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink’. The focus will be on the work of Sister Rose Rasoavololona in providing physical water and spiritual support to the children of Madagascar—a country where access to clean water and proper sanitation is scarce, and sadly results in thousands of children dying from preventable diseases like diarrhoea each and every year.

To watch a clip of the work of Sr Rose, head to: catholicmission.org.au/wmm2015DVD

Whilst we are not formally holding an appeal at St Michael’s, if you would like to donate to the appeal, you can donate online at: https://www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/campaigns/world-mission-month, or send donations into the school.

WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME

Year 1/2H are leading WSPT at the Church at 11:30 on Friday 23rd October. Please note the change of time for this WSPT which is due to a funeral. 1/2H will be increasing our awareness of the need for clean water in Madagascar. All are welcome to join us.

RECONCILIATION

Family Booklets are due back at school on Monday Week 3. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns with the booklet.

RECONCILIATION – Year 3

- Family Booklet due back at school Monday 26th October
- Stole due at school Tuesday 3rd November
- Reconciliation Reflection Day
  - Tuesday 3rd November
    9am-12:30pm, at School
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
  - Wednesday 4th November
    6pm– St Michael’s Church

SUMMER UNIFORM

As we move into Term 4 and the warmer weather, we have also moved into our summer uniform. Thank you for the efforts you have already made to have your children in the correct uniform. Please ensure the children’s socks are at the ankle and are clearly visible above the shoes. I ask that you check the uniform policy on the website if you are unsure of what is required. It is also important that the children have named jumpers for the cool mornings that we still experience at this time of the year. Thank you for your support. A reminder that nail polish is not part of the uniform at any time, thank you.

School hats are available for sale from the Front Office for $12 each.

ICAS COMPETITIONS 2015

Congratulations to the students who have participated in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools this year: William, Noah and Emma 3/4F, William 3/4P, Patrick and Jack 3/4B, James and Cooper 5/6W, Kael 5/6H and Madhushan 5/6H. These students will be awarded with certificates of participation, merit and credit. Great work.

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Certificates have arrived and will be presented at morning assembly this week. The team were commended on their animated discussion and thorough research on historical characters. Well done on your convincing performance. Congratulations again to Kael, Isabella, Andrea, Grace and Joel 5/6H and Isabella M and Isabella H-O 5/6W for representing St Michael’s in the Tournament of Minds at the Australian National University.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Term 3 was the term of competitions! We are also celebrating the achievements of Year 5 and 6 students in the AMC. Congratulations on your outstanding results: Jana, Isabella, Kael, Giulio, Ty, Joel, Rohan, Matthew, Harry and Daniela 5/6H. Maja, Cooper, James, Jack, Harrison, Isabella M, Jai and Cooper 5/6W. A special mention goes to Kael who has been invited to the Australian Mathematics Trust awards ceremony on October 20th for receiving the highest score for our school.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Special wishes to those children who celebrated their birthdays in the holidays:


Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:

Jett 1/2H and Harper 3/4P

We hope you have a great day!

ACTION timetable changes deferred

ACTION’s planned weekday timetable change scheduled for Monday 12 October will be deferred.

This includes a deferral to the changes planned for the ACTION schools network.

All school services and regular weekday services will continue to operate as normal until further notice.

All timetable information is available from action.act.gov.au
SPORT IN SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA
All students at St Michael’s will be participating in this program from the 2nd to the 6th November. They will be exposed to specialist PD/H/PE and sports teachers throughout the program. Please watch this space for further information regarding this.

FIRST AID
The students will also be participating in a First Aid Course at the beginning of Week 3. They will be learning about things like; the number to call in an emergency, how to put a bandage on someone who is hurt and safe and unsafe things at home.

HELP URGENTLY REQUIRED
St Michael’s will be holding a sausage sizzle at the ‘Parties At the Shop’ this Saturday. We are desperately in need of more helpers between the hours of 10am—2pm, could you please contact Lisa in the Front Office if you can assist in any way.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
DANCECORE - Dance classes will be held on Wednesdays at recess, forms are available from the Front Office.

CHESS - Chess classes are held in the Library on Wednesdays from 3.10-4.10, forms are available at the Front Office.

GUITAR - Sam is continuing guitar lessons, please contact Sam on 0408 196 855.

PIANO - Mary-Liz is continuing piano lessons, please contact Mary-Liz on 0413 425 753.

SPEECH & DRAMA - Drama classes are being held on Tuesday lunchtimes, please contact Elizabeth McIntosh if you are interested on 6255 9054.

SCHOOL BANKING - Mrs Firth has kindly offered to run the school banking. Banking day is Friday, forms to open new accounts are available from the Front Office.

BOOKCLUB - Scholastic Bookclub runs twice a term, if you have any queries contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena.

CANTEEN SURVEY - ONE MORE DAY TO HAVE YOUR SAY
As you are aware, we have struggled to keep our canteen open at recess and lunch this term. The Community Council are conducting a survey, to gauge the community’s interest, support level and the future direction of the school canteen. Please visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T978L92 to have your say. We value your opinion and suggestions. Participation is anonymous. Closing date for the survey is 16th October.

IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!!
The canteen are selling homemade mini pizzas. The pizzas are made on a wholemeal muffin base and the filling contains, ham, cheese, spinach and EGG. Please avoid the pizzas if your child has an egg allergy.

IMPORTANT CANTEEN NEWS !!!
The canteen is now a volunteer-run service and cannot go ahead for safety and health reasons if there is insufficient support. We will try opening the canteen for lunches on Friday’s during Term 4, but will have to close if there are not enough volunteers. Please notify Lisa in the Front Office if you can volunteer some time in Term 4.

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ACTEWAGL ROYAL CANBERRA SHOW ‘SCHOOLS SCARECROW COMPETITION.
The competition is back again for next years show, please see more information on our noticeboard.
ST MICHAEL’S PARISH CONTACT DETAILS
Administrator: Father Loi Viovicente
Email: loi.viovicente@cam.org.au
Pastoral Assistant: Sr Kate McMahon
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Telephone: (02) 6241 3364 Fax: (02) 6241 0747
Parish Email: stm.kaleen@cg.catholic.org.au
Email: k.mcmahon3@bigpond.com

ST MICHAEL’S PRIMARY SCHOOL, KALEEN

FACEBOOK PAGE
Have you liked the Fair Facebook page? To keep up to date on the activities planned for the fair please like the page. It would also be appreciated if you could share the page to help boost its profile.
https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsfair?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

WE NEED YOU
The International Harmony Fair is fast approaching and we need your help! Each class has been allocated a stall to assist with on the day of the fair. Please follow the link to the shared Google Doc to add your name as a helper. As well as the allocated stalls, we require assistance to set up and pack down. Thank you for your support to make this community event a success. Please remember that you require a WWVP card.
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qZJYipshTk4easG2Sv0xPfo8QBGk7xw23mPilL17Jc/edit?usp=sharing

MICK THE STAR & RIDE WRIST BANDS
Notes are now due back, Friday 23rd October for the purchase of ‘Mick the Star’ and ride wrist bands.
Mick the Star are $15 each for K-2 and $12 each for Year 3-6, they will not be available on the night. The Ride Wrist bands are now $25 each for unlimited rides. (They will be $30 on the night)

PLANT STALL
Please contact Tim Power on 6241 6774 or 0437 013328 if you have any plant cutting/propagations from your garden that he can collect and re-pot.

RAFFLE TICKETS
Raffle ticket books have been sent home, the prizes have changed this year and the cost of the tickets are now $2 each.
First Prize is a $1500 holiday voucher,
Second Prize is a Balloon ride for two with breakfast and
Third prize is a annual pass to the National Zoo and Aquarium.
This year there will be a prize awarded for the family that sells the most tickets, please see Lisa in the Front Office if you would like another book. Happy selling!!!

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL
This year we will be running a modified ‘upmarket’ white elephant stall. The drop off dates for donations will be Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th or Wednesday 28th October. No soft toys, electrical goods or DVDs.

BOOK STALL
We will be accepting fiction novels, children’s books and cook books, please do not leave any encyclopaedias or DVD’s. Books can be dropped off at the school on either Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th or Wednesday 28th October between 3-4pm.

ST MICHAEL’S INTERNATIONAL HARMONY FAIR - FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2015

Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 9am
Sunday: 8am and 5.30pm

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